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13 November 1955

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was particularly interested in your letter of 26 October 1955 with regard to the sale by the United States of heavy water to India.

I note from our files that there was a press release on 12 February 1955 indicating that we proposed to sell 18 tons of heavy water to India. In fact, it has been the practice to announce these proposed sales, with certain exceptions which include the U. K. I understand that no actual deliveries of heavy water to India have yet been made, but that 10 tons in 1956 and 8 tons in 1957 is contemplated. The US Sale Price for heavy water as announced at the Geneva Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in August, 1955, is \$28.00 per pound.

An Indian delegate, Dr. M. Saha, to the Moscow Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, 1 - 15 July 1955, reported on his return to India that the Soviet Academy of Sciences was prepared to assist the Indian Atomic Energy Program if such a request was made by the Indian Government. No further negotiations have been reported, although the Secretary of the Department of the Government of India, Dr. H. J. Bhabha, visited the Soviet Union in early October, 1955.

Undoubtedly, the Atomic Energy Commission can give you further details on this subject, but I felt that the above might be of some interest to you.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
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Director

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